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TO: Kristine Adams
 FEC Campaign Finance Analyst
 Reports Analysis Division

FROM: Christopher M. Allen *CMA*
 Executive Director

DATE: May 25, 2004

RE: C00396671 - April Monthly Report (3/1/04 - 3/31/04)

The Hardwood Federation Political Action Committee inadvertently designated three campaign contributions as Primary Election Contribution even though the Primary Elections were already completed. These contributions were made to Rep. Charles W. Pickering (Check # 1040 in the amount of \$1,000 dated 3/25/04), Ralph S. Regula (Check # 1030 in the amount of \$1,000 dated 3/25/04), and Roger F. Wicker (Check # 1034 in the amount of \$1,000 dated 3/25/04).

We were made aware of our mistake after the 60 days in which we could have amended our original FEC report. In order to resolve the matter we have taken the following actions:

- We have asked our bank (First Tennessee) to make a stop payment, which will cancel Check # 1040 in the amount of \$1,000 dated 3/25/04 to Rep. Charles Pickering's Campaign.
- We have contacted Rep. Ralph Regula's Campaign office via mail and explained our mistake. We have asked Regula's Campaign to reimburse the Hardwood Federation PAC the \$1,000 we contributed to his Primary Campaign (Late) and once we receive the reimbursement the Hardwood Federation PAC will issue Regula's Campaign a contribution for his General Election.
- We have contacted Rep. Roger Wicker's Campaign office via phone and mail and explained our mistake. We have asked Wicker's Campaign to reimburse the Hardwood Federation PAC the \$1,000 we contributed to his Primary Campaign (Late) and once we receive the reimbursement the Hardwood Federation PAC will issue Wicker's Campaign a contribution for his General Election.
- We will show these corrections on our next FEC Report (line 16 and 23). We will also submit a form 99 explaining the same actions we have taken.

The background information is included as reference to our actions. Please call me with any questions or concerns.



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May 25, 2004

Danna Lane
Treasurer – Pickering for Congress
8580 Beaverwood Drive
Germantown, TN 38138

Dear Ms. Lane:

Per our telephone conversation on May 25, 2004, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) has informed the Hardwood Federation Political Action Committee (HFPAC) that we inadvertently designated a \$1,000.00 campaign contribution (check # 1040 dated March 25, 2004) to Congressman Pickering for his Primary Election even though the Primary Election had taken place on March 9, 2004.

We were not made aware of this problem until May 24, 2004 when we received a letter from the FEC. The FEC will not allow us to amend our original report because 60 days has past since the mistake was made. The only way to correct the problem was to place a stop payment on our contribution to Congressman Pickering.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a replacement check for \$1,000 from the HFPAC to Congressman Wicker's General Election Campaign.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience this matter has caused you or Congressman Pickering.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Allen
Executive Director
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May 25, 2004

Representative Ralph Regula
 Ralph Regula for Congress
 733 42nd Street NW
 Canton, OH 44709

To Whom It May Concern:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has informed the Hardwood Federation Political Action Committee (HFPAC) that we inadvertently designated a \$1,000.00 campaign contribution (check # 1030 dated March 25, 2004) to Congressman Regula for his Primary Election even though the Primary Election had taken place on March 2, 2004.

We were not made aware of this problem until May 24, 2004 when we received a letter from the FEC. The FEC will not allow us to amend our original report because 60 days has past since the mistake was made. The only way to correct the problem is to have Congressman Regula's campaign reimburse the Hardwood Federation PAC in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The HFPAC will in turn contribute \$1,000.00 to Congressman Regula's General Election Campaign as soon as we receive the reimbursement.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience this matter has caused you or Congressman Regula.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Allen
 Executive Director
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May 25, 2004

Hayden Roberts
 Friends of Roger Wicker
 P. O. Box 874
 Tupelo, MS 38802

Dear Hayden:

Per our telephone conversation on May 25, 2004, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) has informed the Hardwood Federation Political Action Committee (HFPAC) that we inadvertently designated a \$1,000.00 campaign contribution (check # 1034 dated March 25, 2004) to Congressman Wicker for his Primary Election even though the Primary Election had taken place on March 9, 2004.

We were not made aware of this problem until May 24, 2004 when we received a letter from the FEC. The FEC will not allow us to amend our original report because 60 days has past since the mistake was made. The only way to correct the problem is to have Congressman Wicker's campaign reimburse the Hardwood Federation PAC in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The HFPAC will in turn contribute \$1,000.00 to Congressman Wicker's General Election Campaign as soon as we receive the reimbursement.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience this matter has caused you or Congressman Wicker.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Allen
 Executive Director
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

May 19, 2004

Paul Houghland Jr, Treasurer
Hardwood Federation PAC Inc.
6830 Raleigh - Lagrange Road
Memphis, TN 38134

Response Due Date:
June 18, 2004

Identification Number: C00396671

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/04-3/31/04)

Dear Mr. Houghland:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2004 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

Sincerely,




Kristine Adams
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Contributions After Election Date:

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election State - Date
Pickering, Charles W.	3/25/04	\$1,000.00	Primary	MS-3/9/04
Regula, Ralph S.	3/25/04	\$1,000.00	Primary	OH-3/2/04
Wicker, Roger F.	3/25/04	\$1,000.00	Primary	MS-3/9/04

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